

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಎಚ್. ಲಿಂಗದೇವರು.—Low grade ore ಸಾವಿರಾರು ಟನ್ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಬಿಟ್ಟಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ನಷ್ಟವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆಯಾದ್ದರಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಪ್ಲಾಂಟ್ ಹಾಕುವ ಯೋಜನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಬೇಕಾದ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನವನ್ನೆಲ್ಲ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎಂಬುದೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ. ಚಿಕ್ಕನಾಯ್ಕನ ಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗಣಿ ಮಾಲೀಕರಲ್ಲ ಸೇರಿ Co-operative basis ಮೇಲೆ ಒಂದು ಪ್ಲಾಂಟ್ ಹಾಕುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಬಂದರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ನಹಾಯ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Sir, is it a fact that this concentration plant is required to work a low grade ore?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The purpose of a beneficiation plant is to upgrade ore.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—To work the low grade ore or to upgrade the ore?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Yes, it is necessary to upgrade the ore.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—What do you mean by that? Does it mean that the licence-holders are taking away only the high grade ores leaving the low grade ores?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—As things stand, it is left to the miner to exploit any ore he pleases. There is nothing to prevent him from exploiting only the high grade and leave the low grade ore.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—What does it mean? Is there nothing to prevent him from working only the high grade ore?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The exploitation of low grade ore will not be economical. It would be too much to expect the miner to exploit the low grade ore, which is not paying, while it is easy for him to work the high grade ore and make profits.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Should not the Government make it incumbent on the part of mine-owners. . . .

Mr. SPEAKER.—I am sorry you are going too far from the question. This is a question pertaining to the installation of a manganese processing plant. You cannot connect everything with that.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Why should Government be necessitated to put up this concentration plant if only

the mine-owners were to work the high grade ore leaving the low grade ores is my point.

Mr. SPEAKER.—This question relates to the putting up of a concentration plant at Chiknaikanahalli or round about. Not to other things.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—This is necessitated because low grade ores have been left out. Should not something be done by Government to see that these low grade ore also are worked by the licence holders?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I submit, Sir, that Government is aware of the fact and are anxious to take such action as may be necessary to see that the exploitation of low grade ore is also economical.

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Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Should there not be a condition while issuing permission?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Unless facilities are also afforded, it is difficult to expect exploitation of low grade ore along with high grade ore since it is not economical. That is why Sri B. Hutche Gowda has thrown out a suggestion and it is a welcome suggestion.

### Bhadra Reservoir Project (Welfare Measures for Labourers).

Q.—41. Sri B. MADHAVACHAR (Bhadravati).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the total number of labourers working in the Bhadra Reservoir Project;

(b) the welfare measures taken by the Department to assure healthy conditions of living for these men?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—

(a) About 36,000.

(b) The following welfare measures have been taken :—

(1) Formation of labour colonies.

(2) Provision of electric street lights.

(3) Provision of latrines and bath rooms.

(4) Cleaning of camps twice a week by mobile gangs of sweepers.

(5) D.D.T. spraying of labour sheds twice a year.

(6) Protected water supply by means of taps to labourers working near the dam site.

(7) Provision of drinking water wells.

(8) Supply of drinking water to labour sheds along the channel by means of lorries and tanks.

(9) All water sources are chlorinated regularly.

(10) Inoculations are done promptly whenever there are indications of epidemics like Cholera.

(11) Patients suffering from epidemic diseases are segregated at the isolation camp.

(12) A combined dispensary has been established near the dam site with wards attached to render free medical aid.

(13) The primary health unit at Lakkavalli also attends to the needs of the labour at Bhadra Project.

(14) Four Assistant Medical Officers of Health dispense drugs to labourers suffering from any ailments.

(15) Maternity and Child Welfare Service is provided by midwives under the guidance of a Lady Assistant Surgeon and Medical Officer of Health.

(16) Free milk feeding programme is in progress in the area and skim milk powder is being supplied by the Department of Public Health under the UNICEE scheme.

(17) A creche has been constructed for the children of labourers.

(18) Primary and a Middle School are by the Education Department for the children of the labourers.

(19) Two subsidised nursery schools are run by the local Social Welfare Organisation.

(20) A Co-operative Society is maintained at the Project works to cater to the needs of the labour and staff.

**Sri B. MADHAVACHAR.**—Will the Government be pleased to increase the number of lorries for supplying drinking water so that adequate water is supplied to the workers?

**Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.**—As things stand, we are using about six lorries for supply of water. Government have no objection to increase the number if it is found inadequate.

**Sri B. MADHAVACHAR.**—Will the Government consider the question of appointing Labour Officers to look after the labourers there?

**Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.**—If there is need Government will consider the question of appointment of a Labour Officer.

### Kabini Project.

**Q.—145. Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Srirangapatna).—**

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are taking up the work of the Kabini Project;

(b) if so, please give details as to the capacity of the tank and the estimated cost of the Project?

**A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—**

(a) Yes, during the Second Five-Year Plan period.

(b) (i) Capacity of the Reservoir: 12,346 million cubic feet.

(ii) Estimated cost: Rs. 250 lakhs.

**Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.**—Did not Government form a Sub-Division or Division for the furtherance of Kabini Project work?

**Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.**—All that is provided for in the establishment. It is included in the Second Five-Year Plan and Rs. 25 lakhs is provided.

**Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.**—My question is, did not Government form a Sub-Division or a Division for taking up this work?

**Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.**—I want notice.